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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2015 Colorado River Diversion for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (District)

Dear Mr. Modeer:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2015.

The District is entitled to divert the balance of Arizona's 2,800,000 acre-foot (AF) apportionment not consumed by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders. Based upon a review of the diversion estimate provided by the District, the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, and the approved water orders of higher priority Arizona entitlement holders, I approve the diversion of up to 1,548,550 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 for use in the District's service area. As in recent years, I also approve the diversion by the District in calendar year 2015 of the any Arizona apportionment unused by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders as projected on Reclamation's website to the extent such water becomes available. Diversion of this water is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The data on the website are provisional until final records are issued. Any diversions made as a result of the values on the website are at the District's own risk.
- (2) All available Colorado River water within Arizona has been approved for beneficial use within the state. In cases where approvals to higher priority entitlement holders are less than their Colorado River entitlements, the approvals may be increased to their full entitlements.
- (3) Final accounting records published by Reclamation may differ from the provisional data on the website. Adjustments to the final records may result in an inadvertent overrun by the District.

- (4) The District will be required to pay back any overrun according to the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy.
- (5) Reclamation may at any time rescind this approval to divert unused Arizona apportionment of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2015, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast15.pdf. It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for 2015. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164 or pmataska@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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